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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JENS ERIK SORENSEN, as Trustee of SORENSEN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TRUST,) Case No. 3:08 CV 0070 BTM CAB
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) DECLARATION OF MELODY A.
) KRAMER IN SUPPORT OF
Plaintiff) PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO
v.) MODIFY PATENT LOCAL RULES
) SCHEDULE TO ACCELERATE
RYOBI TECHNOLOGIES, INC., a) IDENTIFICATION OF CLAIMED
Delaware corporation; TECHTRONIC) INVALIDATING PRIOR ART
INDUSTRIES NORTH AMERICA,)
INC., a Delaware corporation; and DOES) Date: May 23, 2008
1 – 100,) Time: 11:00 a.m.
) Hon. Barry T. Moskowitz
Defendants.)
) NO ORAL ARGUMENTS UNLESS
) REQUESTED BY THE COURT
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1 I, MELODY A. KRAMER, declare:

2 1. I am not a party to the present action. I am over the age of eighteen. I
3 have personal knowledge of the facts contained within the following paragraphs, and
4 could and would competently testify thereto if called as a witness in a court of law.

5 2. At all times relevant herein I have been an attorney for Sorensen
6 Research and Development Trust ("Sorensen"), Plaintiff in the above-captioned
7 matter.

8 3. This declaration is made in support of Plaintiff's Motion to Modify
9 Patent Local Rules Schedule to Accelerate Identification of Claimed Invalidating
10 Prior Art.

11 4. In July 2007 and December 2007, respectively, defendants in the related
12 Black & Decker case¹ filed requests for *ex parte* reexamination of the '184 patent
13 with the USPTO. Attached hereto as Exhibit A and B are true and correct copies of
14 relevant pages of said Requests for Ex Parte Reexamination.

15 5. The prior art cited in the second *ex parte* request contained several prior
16 art references that had not been disclosed to Sorensen in either of the parties'
17 Preliminary Invalidity Contentions served on February 2, 2007 (Exhibit C), nor the
18 Amended Preliminary Invalidity Contentions served on March 5, 2007 (Exhibit D),
19 nor the first *ex parte* request (Exhibit A). Attached hereto as Exhibits C and D are
20 true and correct copies of Black & Decker's Preliminary Invalidity Contentions and
21 Amended Preliminary Invalidity Contentions.

22 6. In the course of the present reexamination proceedings, Sorensen has, to
23 our knowledge, identified to the USPTO all claimed invalidating prior art identified
24 to Sorensen to date from any source.

25 7. Although Sorensen has been in contact with Ryobi directly or indirectly
26 regarding the '184 patent for several years, none of the correspondence between the
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28 ¹ *Sorensen v. Black & Decker Corporation, et al*, Case No. 06cv1572

1 parties in this case has ever included any identification of any prior art or other basis
2 for invalidity of the '184 patent. Thus, Sorensen has been unable to ensure that these
3 Defendants' asserted prior art will be reviewed by the USPTO.

4 8. Attached hereto as Exhibit E is a true and correct copy of a document
5 from the USPTO explaining a rule change regarding successive reexaminations on
6 the same patent.

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8 DATED this Wednesday, March 26, 2008.

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11 /s/ Melody A. Kramer

12 Melody A. Kramer, Esq.
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EXHIBIT A

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(Also referred to as FORM PTO-1465)

REQUEST FOR EX PARTE REEXAMINATION TRANSMITTAL FORM

Address to:

Mail Stop Ex Parte Reexam**Commissioner for Patents****P. O. Box 1450****Alexandria, VA 22313-1450****Attorney Docket No.: X32441****Date: July 30, 2007**

1. ☒ This is a request for *ex parte* reexamination pursuant to 37 CFR 1.510 of patent number 4,935,184 issued June 19, 1990. The request is made by:
 - ☐ patent owner.
 - ☒ third party requester.
2. ☒ The name and address of the person requesting reexamination is:
 - Arnold Turk, Esq.
 - Greenblum & Bernstein, P.L.C.
 - 1950 Roland Clarke Place, Reston, VA 20191
3. ☒ a. A check in the amount of \$ 2,520.00 is enclosed to cover the reexamination fee, 37 CFR 1.20(c)(1);
☒ b. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(c)(1) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089 (submit duplicative copy for fee processing); or
☐ c. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
4. ☒ Any refund should be made by ☐ check or ☒ credit to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.
 37 CFR 1.26(c). If payment is made by credit card, refund must be to credit card account.
5. ☒ A copy of the patent to be reexamined having a double column format on one side of a separate paper is enclosed.
 37 CFR 1.510(b)(4)
6. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, Computer Program (Appendix) or large table
☐ Landscape Table on CD
7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
If applicable, items a. – c. are required.
 - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. ☐ CD-ROM (2 copies) or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. ☐ paper
 - c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies
8. ☐ A copy of any disclaimer, certificate of correction or reexamination certificate issued in the patent is included.
9. ☒ Reexamination of claim(s) 1, 2, 4, 6-10 is requested.
10. ☒ A copy of every patent or printed publication relied upon is submitted herewith including a listing thereof on Form PTO/SB/08, PTO-1449, or equivalent.
11. ☒ An English language translation of all necessary and pertinent non-English language patents and/or printed publications is included.

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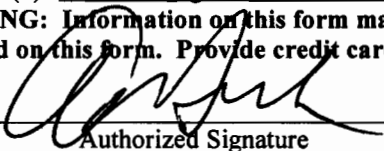
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12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The attached detailed request includes at least the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A statement identifying each substantial new question of patentability based on prior patents and printed publications. 37 CFR 1.510(b)(1) b. An identification of every claim for which reexamination is requested, and a detailed explanation of the pertinency and manner of applying the cited art to every claim for which reexamination is requested. 37 CFR 1.510(b)(2) 									
13. <input type="checkbox"/> A proposed amendment is included (only where the patent owner is the requester). 37 CFR 1.510(e)									
14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. It is certified that a copy of this request (if filed by other than the patent owner) has been served in its entirety on the patent owner as provided in 37 CFR 1.33(c). The name and address of the party served and the date of service are: <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">James Michael Kaler</td> <td style="width: 50%; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Edward W. Callan</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">The Law Offices of James M. Kaler</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">3830 Valley Center Drive, No.705, PMB452</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">9930 Mesa Rim Road Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92121</td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">San Diego, CA 92130</td> </tr> </table> Date of Service: <u>July 30, 2007</u> ; or <input type="checkbox"/> b. A duplicate copy is enclosed since service on patent owner was not possible.				James Michael Kaler	Edward W. Callan	The Law Offices of James M. Kaler	3830 Valley Center Drive, No.705, PMB452	9930 Mesa Rim Road Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92121	San Diego, CA 92130
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Firm or Individual Name <u>Greenblum & Bernstein, P.L.C.</u>									
Address <div style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;"><u>1950 Roland Clarke Place</u></div>									
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16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The patent is currently the subject of the following concurrent proceeding(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> a. Copending reissue Application No. _____ <input type="checkbox"/> b. Copending reexamination Control No. _____ <input type="checkbox"/> c. Copending Interference No. _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> d. Copending litigation styled: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) <u>Jens E. Sorensen v. Black Decker (U.S.) Inc., et al., Civil Action No. 06-cv-1572</u> (2) <u>Jens E. Sorensen v. Tecnica USA Corp. and Nordica USA Corp., Civil Action No. 06-cv-1941</u> (3) <u>Previous litigation listed in Request</u> 									
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Attorney Docket No. X32441
Attorney Docket No. SOR-BD-184
Request for Reexamination of U.S. Patent No. 4,935,184

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor: Jens Ole Sorensen)
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Patent No.: 4,935,184)
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Issue Date: June 19, 1990)
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Filing Date: July 27, 1989)
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Title: Stabilized Injection Molding)
When Using A Common)
Mold Part With Separate)
Complimentary Mold Parts)

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REQUEST FOR *EX PARTE* REEXAMINATION
PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. § 302 AND 37 § C.F.R. 1.510

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 302 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.510, the Third Party Requester hereby requests that reexamination of the above-identified patent be ordered by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office.

I. CLAIMS FOR REEXAMINATION

Reexamination of claims 1, 2, 4 and 6-10 of U.S. Patent No. 4,935,184 ("the '184 patent") is requested and believed to be in order. The '184 patent is not expired and is still enforceable. A copy of the '184 patent is attached hereto as Appendix A as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.510(b)(4).

Attorney Docket No. SOR-BD-184
Request for Reexamination of U.S. Patent No. 4,935,184

II. SUBSTANTIAL NEW QUESTIONS OF PATENTABILITY

Substantial new questions of patentability are raised based upon the following patents and printed publications:

Patents and Published Patent Applications				
Reference Number	Country	Applicant or Assignee	Issue Date	Statutory Basis
2,863,241	U.S.	Gits	12/09/58	102(b)
3,178,497	U.S.	Moscicki	04/13/65	102(b), 103(a)
4,422,995	U.S.	Schad	12/27/83	103(a)
4,440,820	U.S.	Shiho et al.	04/03/84	102(b), 103(a)
1 850 999	Germany (DE)	Echterholter	05/03/62 (published)	102(b), 103(a)
2 004 494	U.K. (GB)	SEIMA	04/04/79 (published)	102(b), 103(a)
60-119520	Japan (JP)	Toyota Motor	08/13/85 (published)	102(b), 103(a)
Printed Publications				
Source	Title		Publication Date	Statutory Basis
Modern Plastics	New Vigor For Two-Shot Molding With Automation . . .Versatility . . .Ingenuity		05/68	102(b), 103(a)

A copy of each reference that has a bearing on the patentability of the claims of the '184 patent (including English translations thereof as appropriate) is enclosed in Appendix B herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.510(b)(3). The cover page of Appendix B lists the identified references in a PTO/SB/08 form.

With the exception of the Schad reference, none of the other identified references were cited by either the applicant or the Examiner during prosecution of the application that issued as the '184 patent. These newly cited references are more relevant than the art cited and considered during prosecution of the '184 patent.

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U.S.PATENTS

Examiner Initial*	Cite No	Patent Number	Kind Code ¹	Issue Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	1	2863241		1958-12-09	Gits	all
	2	3178497		1965-04-13	Moscicki	all
	3	4422995		1983-12-27	Schad	all
	4	4440820		1984-04-03	Shiho	all

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	1	1 850 999	DE		1962-05-03	Echterholter	all	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	2	2 004 494	GB		1979-04-04	SEIMA	all	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	3	60-119520	JP		1985-08-13	Toyota Motor	all	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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	1	VAL WRIGHT, New Vigor For Two-Shot Molding With Automation . . . Versatility . . . Ingenuity, Modern Plastics, May 1968, pages 79-83, published in US	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Date Submitted: December 21, 2007			First Named Inventor	Jens O. Sorensen	
			Attorney Docket Number	065640-0260	
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
	A1	4,935,184	06/19/1990	SORENSEN	
	A2	4,422,995	12/27/1983	SCHAD	
	A3	4,508,676	04/02/1985	SORENSEN	
	A4	3,375,554	04/02/1968	BLUMER	

UNPUBLISHED U.S. PATENT APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

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	A5	JP 59-199227	11/12/1984	IDEMITSU SEKIYU KAGAKU KK		Tr.
	A6	JP 60-154022	08/13/1985	FUJITSU, LTD.		Tr.
	A7	JP 58-82401	05/18/1983	NISSAN MOTOR CO., LTD.		Tr.
	A8	JP S52-51449	04/25/1977	KABUSHIKI KAISHA YOSHINO KOGYOSHO		Tr.

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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	A9	SUMITOMO HEAVY INDUSTRIES, LTD., Promat 100-100/100 Sumitomo-Netstal Dual Material Injection Molding Machine	Tr.

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	A10	WRIGHT, "New Vigor for Two-Shot Molding with Automation," <i>Modern Plastics</i> , Vol. 45, No. 9, May 1968, pp. 78 – 83.	
	A11	Plaintiff's Amended Preliminary Claim Constructions and Extrinsic Evidence, SORESENSEN v. THE BLACK & DECKER CORPORATION ET AL., U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California, Case No. 06-cv-1572 BTM (CAB).	
	A12	SORESENSEN v. INTERNATIONAL TRADE COM'N., 427 F.3d 1375 (Fed. Cir. 2005)	
	A13	Deposition of Paul P. Brown, December 19, 2006, SORESENSEN v. THE BLACK & DECKER CORPORATION ET AL., U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California, Case No. 06-cv-1572 BTM (CAB).	
	A14	Plaintiffs' Local Civil Rule 56.1 Statement of Material Facts in Opposition to Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment of Invalidity Based on Prior Art, U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey Newark Vicinage, CIV. No. 03-1763(HAA).	

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Inventor: Jens Ole Sorensen)
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Patent No.: 4,935,184)
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Issue Date: June 19, 1990)
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Filing Date: July 27, 1989)
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Title: Stabilized Injection Molding)
When Using A Common)
Mold Part With Separate)
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REQUEST FOR EX PARTE REEXAMINATION
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II. SUBSTANTIAL NEW QUESTIONS OF PATENTABILITY

Substantial new questions of patentability are raised by the following patents and printed publications:

Patents and Published Patent Applications				
<i>Reference No.</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Applicant or Assignee</i>	<i>Publication Date</i>	<i>Statutory Basis</i>
S59-199227	Japan	Idemitsu Sekiyu Kagaku K.K.	11/12/84	102(b), 103(a)
60-154022	Japan	Fujitsu, Ltd.	08/13/85	102(b), 103(a)
4,422,995	United States	Robert D. Schad	12/27/83	102(b), 103(a)
58-82401	Japan	Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.	05/18/83	102(b), 103(a)
4,508,676	United States	Jens O. Sorensen	04/02/85	102(b), 103(a)
3,375,554	United States	Armin Blumer	04/02/68	102(b), 103(a)
S52-51449	Japan	Kabushiki Kaisha Yoshino Kogyosho	04/25/77	102(b), 103(a)
Printed Publications				
<i>Source</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Publication Date</i>	<i>Statutory Basis</i>	
Sumitomo Heavy Indus., Ltd.	Promat 100-100/100	Admitted prior art	102(b),103(a)	
Modern Plastics	New Vigor For Two-Shot Molding With Automation ... Versatility ... Ingenuity	May 1968	102(b),103(a)	

A copy of each reference relied upon in this reexamination request (including any English translations) is enclosed in Exhibit B. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 1.510(b)(3). The identified references are listed in a PTO/SB/08 form, attached to this request. Except for Schad '995, Promat 100 and Sorensen '676 (all used only for secondary teachings), none of these references were cited during the original prosecution of the '184 patent. These newly cited references (or new combinations involving Schad '995, Promat 100 and Sorensen '676) are believed to be more relevant than the art cited and considered during original prosecution and, thus, raise substantial new questions of patentability. As discussed herein, the identified references anticipate or render obvious one or

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 15 DEVELOPMENT TRUST,

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18 THE BLACK & DECKER CORPORATION,

19 Defendant.

Case No. 06cv1572 BTM (CAB)

**DEFENDANT'S PRELIMINARY
 INVALIDITY CONTENTIONS
 PURSUANT TO PATENT L.R. 3.3**

20 Defendant The Black & Decker Corporation ("Black & Decker") makes the following
 21 disclosure of its Preliminary Invalidity Contentions as required under Patent L.R. 3.3.
 22 Defendant currently has a motion pending for summary judgment of noninfringement based on
 23 the fact that The Black & Decker Corporation does not make, use sell, offer for sale or import
 24 any products at all, much less the products accused of infringement in this action. Plaintiff
 25 currently has a motion pending to join additional parties as defendants to this action.
 26 Accordingly, Defendant reserves the right to correct, amend, or modify these disclosures based
 27 on the outcome of its summary judgment motion, and based upon which Black & Decker
 28 subsidiaries, if any, are added to the litigation.

Plaintiff's preliminary infringement contentions pursuant to Patent L.R. 3.1 identify only claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 4,935,184 ("the '184 patent") as being asserted against Black & Decker. If additional claims are asserted, Black & Decker reserves the right to supplement its invalidity contentions to address all later asserted claims.

Black & Decker contends that Plaintiff's own claim construction contentions (as set forth, for example, in Plaintiff's Memorandum in Support of Summary Determination of Infringement, Doc. #33) render claim 1 invalid over the prior art. Black & Decker does not agree with the Plaintiff's claim construction (in fact, Black & Decker contends that many of the terms are incapable of reasonable construction as described in Section D. below) but has applied it here so that the focus of the parties' dispute is on the technical substance of the prior art and not on collateral claim construction issues. Black & Decker will set forth its complete claim construction position in the time and manner required under Patent L.R. 4.1.

A. The Identity of Prior Art

Black & Decker identifies the following categories of prior art:

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EXHIBIT E

**Notice of Changes in Requirement
for a Substantial New Question of Patentability for
a Second or Subsequent Request for Reexamination
While an Earlier Filed Reexamination is Pending**

A. Summary: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (Office) revised section 2240 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) in May of 2004 to set forth a new policy when a second or subsequent request for reexamination is filed while an “earlier filed reexamination” is **pending**, and the second or subsequent request cites only prior art (hereinafter “old art”) which raised a substantial new question of patentability (SNQ) in the pending reexamination proceeding. See MPEP § 2240 (8th ed. 2001)(Rev. 2, May 2004). Under the new policy, the second or subsequent request for reexamination will be ordered **only** if that old prior art raises a substantial new question of patentability which is **different** than that raised in the pending reexamination proceeding. If the old prior art cited (in the second or subsequent request) raises only the same issues that were raised to initiate the pending reexamination proceeding, the second or subsequent request will be denied.

It is to be noted that reliance on prior art cited in the pending reexamination (old art) does not preclude the existence of a SNQ that is based exclusively on that old art. Determinations on whether a SNQ exists in such an instance shall be based upon a fact-specific inquiry done on a case-by-case basis. For example, a SNQ may be based solely on old art where the old art is being presented/viewed in a new light, or in a different way, as compared with its use in the earlier concluded examination(s), in view of a material new argument or interpretation presented in the request. The presentation/viewing of old art in a new light, or in a different way, is discussed in Ex parte Chicago Rawhide, 223 USPQ 351 (Bd. Pat. App. & Inter. 1984).

B. Background: A request for ex parte reexamination of a patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 302, and a request for inter partes reexamination of a patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 311, must raise a substantial new question of patentability (SNQ) in order for a reexamination of the patent to be initiated. More than one reexamination request may be filed for the same patent, and a second or subsequent reexamination request for reexamination of a patent, where a first reexamination proceeding is pending, has historically been granted based on the **same** prior art that raised the SNQ in a pending first reexamination proceeding.

It has been the Office’s experience, however, that both patent owners and third party requesters have used a second or subsequent reexamination request (based on the same substantial new question of patentability initially raised or existing in the pending reexamination proceeding) to prolong the reexamination proceeding, and in some instances, to turn it essentially into an inter partes proceeding. These actions by patent owners and third party requesters have resulted in multiple reexaminations taking years to conclude, thus making it extremely difficult for the Office to conclude reexamination proceedings with “special dispatch” as required by statute (35 U.S.C. 305 for ex parte reexamination, 35 U.S.C. 314 inter partes reexamination). For example, under the prior practice, a patent owner whose claims are rejected in a pending

reexamination proceeding could repeatedly file multiple ex parte reexamination requests based on the same substantial new question of patentability raised, or existing, in the pending reexamination proceeding. By doing so, the patent owner could keep the reexamination proceeding pending indefinitely, to delay the issue of a reexamination certificate canceling the claims of the patent being reexamined. Additionally, a third party requester could file a second or subsequent reexamination request, while a first reexamination proceeding is pending, based on the same substantial new question of patentability raised, or existing, in the first reexamination proceeding, in order to address any responses to Office actions made by the patent owner. This use of a second or subsequent reexamination request has permitted third party requesters to, in effect, obtain an inter partes type of reexamination process in an ex parte reexamination proceeding.

Moreover, concerns regarding lengthy ex parte reexamination pendency resulting from multiple reexamination request filings were raised by witnesses at the Office's Round Table on the Equities of Inter Partes Reexamination Proceedings held February 17, 2004.

C. Implementation of New Policy: Responsive to these concerns, the Office revised its policy to be as is now set forth in the current (May 2004) revision of MPEP § 2240, that is: **the SNQ for a second or subsequent request for reexamination must be new and different than any SNQ that was raised, or existed, during any prior pending or concluded reexamination proceeding for the patent.** This revised policy is consistent with the statutory mandate of special dispatch and the intent of the ex parte reexamination statute (an ex parte reexamination proceeding is not an inter partes type of reexamination process). Further, 35 U.S.C. 303(a) states that "[w]ithin three months following the filing of a request for reexamination under the provisions of section 302 of this title, the Director will determine whether a substantial new question of patentability affecting any claim of the patent concerned is raised by the request." It is reasonable to interpret this provision as requiring each request for reexamination to raise its own substantial new question of patentability as compared not only to the original prosecution (in the application for the patent) and any earlier, concluded reexamination proceedings, but to pending reexamination proceedings as well. To accompany the revision of MPEP § 2240, MPEP § 2640, which was newly added to the MPEP in May of 2004 to address inter partes reexamination proceedings, was drafted to implement this revision of policy for inter partes reexamination proceedings.

D. Transition Procedure: It is noted that, as a consequence of the changes made to MPEP § 2240, a patent owner will now be prevented from obtaining entry of an amendment and/or evidence not entered after final rejection in an ex parte reexamination proceeding by filing another request for reexamination based on the same substantial question of patentability raised/existing in the pending reexamination proceeding. In order to provide relief to the patent owner, the Office plans to propose a revision to the patent rules to provide for the filing of a request for continued reexamination (RCR) which would be similar to the request for continued examination (RCE) practice for applications. If the RCR practice is implemented, the patent owner, by filing an RCR, could obtain continued prosecution on the merits in the reexamination

proceeding, including entry of an amendment and/or evidence that was denied entry after a final rejection in an ex parte reexamination proceeding or after an action closing prosecution in an inter partes reexamination proceeding.

Until these new rules become effective, however, patent owners are advised to use either: (1) the petition procedure under 37 CFR § 1.181 to seek review of a denial of entry of an amendment submitted after final rejection in an ex parte reexamination proceeding or after an action closing prosecution in an inter partes reexamination proceeding; or (2) the petition procedure under 37 CFR § 1.182 to seek relief that is not currently provided by an existing rule, but that would be provided when a new request for continued reexamination (RCR) practice is in effect.

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